

Art Writing Ideas

Here are some generic writing assignments that may be able to be modified to fit your curriculum. Remember to always think of your curriculum first and make the assignment meaningful. Remember also that these writing assignments can/should be of various lengths. Some could be a couple of sentences, some paragraph length and even some full papers. Think about having students write a(n):

1. Reaction to a piece/style/lesson studied
2. Summary of a piece/style/lesson studied
3. Comparison/Contrast between two styles/pieces
4. Art Critique
5. Answer to an essay question on a test
6. Definitions(s) to key term or set of terms
7. Narrative describing a story from their lives in which art played an important or memorable part
8. Documented paragraph/paper
9. Evaluation of their progress in learning material or creating a piece
10. Letter to the editor
11. News article about an event in art history or in current events
12. Children's book teaching a concept or illustrating importance of art education/creation
13. Cause-effect paragraph/paper about a artistic concept (certain styles evoke what feelings?)
14. Directions of a process
15. Poem about a concept of art
16. Character profile of a famous or little known artist/critic
17. Discussion of a career within this content area
18. Justification for having a well developed art program within the school district
19. Illustration/explanation of a piece created by them
20. Any text to go along with illustrations drawn for a children's book
21. Questions that they have about a lesson or critical concept
22. Discussion of ways to use a art concept in the "real world"